

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Thelma Helene Wicks was born on February 12, 1916, to Austin and Theodora Wicks, one of ten children; and,

*Whereas*, Thelma was swept off her feet by a handsome young man, Clarence Kropp, whom she married on January 4, 1939, and to this union five children were born: LeRoy, Shirley, Arlys, Doris and Jean, who in turn blessed them with nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and,

*Whereas*, Thelma worked many years on the family farm with Clarence. She also worked at the Clark Nursing Home where she provided excellent patient care and was known to entertain with her harmonica; and,

*Whereas*, Thelma's love for dancing was the key inspiration for her children's "happy feet"; and,

*Whereas*, Thelma has spent countless hours mending and sewing everything imaginable from blue jeans to the United States flags for the local VFW. She has enjoyed years of sewing quilt blocks for the St. Paul Lutheran Church, as well as sending home a number of more personal quilts with family and friends; and,

*Whereas*, Thelma will observe her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on February 12, 2006, with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State